

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording medium of writable once type, and a method and apparatus for managing a defective area on the recording medium are provided. The method includes detecting an existence of a defective area within a data area of the recording medium once data are written onto the data area in a data writing operation, writing data written in the defective area onto another area of the data user if the defective area is detected, and writing, onto at least one defect management area on the recording medium, defect management information associated with the defective area.